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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Giorgio BARZAGHI, Giacomo MIRELLI, Vincenzo RODELLA  
METHOD OF PROVIDING COMMUNICATION IN DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

Assignee: ALCATEL

Our Ref. Q67651

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 12 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

|                           |         |   |   |         |   |                 |
|---------------------------|---------|---|---|---------|---|-----------------|
| Total claims              | 14 - 20 | = | x | \$18.00 | = | \$0.00          |
| Independent claims        | 2 - 3   | = | x | \$84.00 | = | \$0.00          |
| Base Fee                  |         |   |   |         |   | \$740.00        |
| <b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>   |         |   |   |         |   | <b>\$740.00</b> |
| Recordation of Assignment |         |   |   |         |   | \$40.00         |
| <b>TOTAL FEE</b>          |         |   |   |         |   | <b>\$780.00</b> |

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$740.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Italy          | MI2000A002741         | December 19, 2000  |

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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